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CHAPTER 2

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STEP RIGHT UP!
ZAWA
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SO CHEAP!!
ZAWA
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ZAWA (MURMUR)
ざわ
SIGN: PRODUCE
PARDON?
KYOTON (BLINK)
きょとん
OH! YOU'RE THE MAID FROM SHIN-SAN'S PLACE, AREN'T YOU?
HERE
NO! I'M...
WARA
わら
!?
A YOUNG THING LIKE YOU! THAT'S REAL IMPRESSIVE.
HOW 'BOUT THAT?!
わら
WARA
WARA (SWARM)
わら
SHE'S WHO?
HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENT, ON THE HOUSE. DO YOUR BEST AT WORK!
GYO (GLANCE)
ぎょっ
SHIN-SAN...! YOU KNOW! SEEMS HE HIRED A NEW MAID A LITTLE WHILE BACK.
HUH! I, UM ...!?
GARARARA (RATTLE)
ガラララ
I'M HOME ...
HEY
WELCOME BACK. ... UH...

WHAT'S THE FACE FOR?
MUSSUU (BULK)
MORI (HEAPING)
NO NO NO
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WHAT'S WITH ALL THOSE VEGETABLES?
PUKU (SWELL)
JUST COME INSIDE. TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT.
SHE LOOKS LIKE MOCHI.
BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
BURU
UGHK!
OOH...

I MUST REALLY NOT LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S WIFE.
SHUN (DROOP)
しゅん
TO THINK THEY'D MISTAKE ME FOR A MAID...
I-I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
SU (SHUF)
WELL... YOU ARE STILL YOUNG, KOYUKI.
...SO THAT NO ONE CAN TAKE ME FOR ANYTHING ELSE!!
DODON (BABAM)
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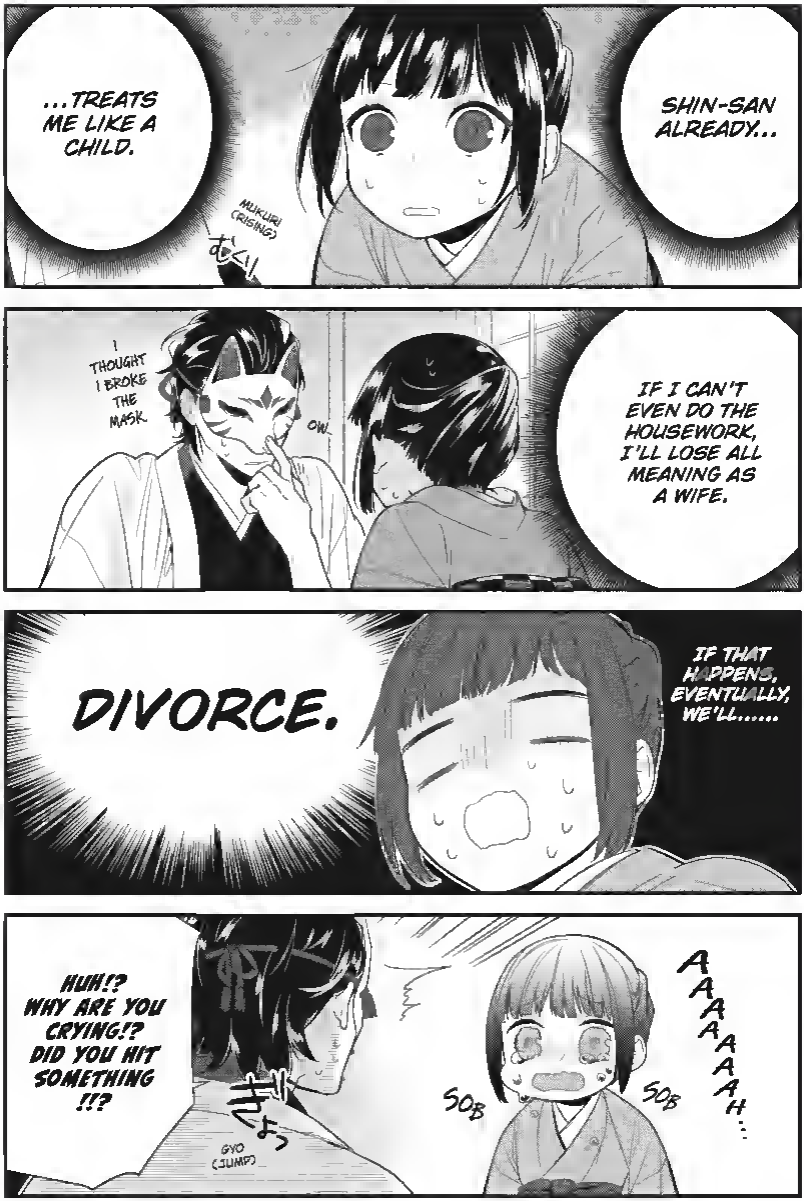
SU (CLENCH)
I'LL APPLY MYSELF AND BECOME A PERFECT WIFE...
IT'S PROBABLY JUST A MATTER OF LOOKS, BUT I CAN'T TELL HER THAT.
NOT WHEN SHE'S THIS EAGER
YES!
HUH? UH... D-DON'T WORK SO HARD YOU HURT YOURSELF.

PARA (FLUTTER)
DOTAAAN (WHAUDDD)
PARA
PARA
KOYUKI!!
KO...
I...I WAS UP ON A STEP STOOL, CLEANING, AND MY FOOT... MY FOOT...
THAT WAS INCREDIBLY LOUD
OOH...
YOU FELL?
THERE, SEE!? WHAT'D I TELL YOU!?

THAT'S QUITE A SPRAIN.
I'M SO SORRY. YOU EVEN TREATED IT FOR ME...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU REST ALL DAY TODAY. NO HOUSEWORK, OKAY?
HUH !?
PATAN (SHUT)
BUT... BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.
SUKU (STAND)
SKIPPING CHORES FOR A DAY WON'T KILL ANYTHING.
I'LL DIE!!
GYAN (YELP)
...WHY?

B-BUT TONIGHT'S DINNER ISN'T...
ORO (FRET)
ORO
OH. RIGHT.
WELL, THAT'S FINE. I'LL FIX SOMETHING TO EAT.
YOU...
GASHI! (GRAB)
YOU CAN'T!
IT'S A DISGRACE FOR A WIFE TO MAKE HER HUSBAND STAND IN THE KITCHEN!
WAAAAAAH!
PURU (TREMBLE)
BUT IT'S FINE TO TRIP HIM OUT OF NOWHERE !?
FULL FACE-PLANT


...TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD.
MUKURI (RISING)
SHIN-SAN ALREADY..
I THOUGHT I BROKE THE MASK
OW
IF I CAN'T EVEN DO THE HOUSEWORK, I'LL LOSE ALL MEANING AS A WIFE.
DIVORCE.
IF THAT HAPPENS, EVENTUALLY, WE'LL.....
HUH!? WHY ARE YOU CRYING!? DID YOU HIT SOMETHING !!?
GYO (JUMP)
SOB
SOB
AAAAAAAH...

I'LL GET BETTER AT COOKING TOO...
...SO...
I'LL DO MY BEST WHEN I CLEAN AND DO THE LAUNDRY.
SHIN-SAN, I'LL TRY HARDER.
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DABAA (BAH)
...DOW'T TROW BE AWAY!
...PWEASE...
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT!!?
!??
TROW ...!?
SHIN WAS CONFUSED

FEELING CALMER NOW?
WHEW
SNIFF
NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YES... I'M SORRY FOR LOSING CONTROL LIKE THAT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW KIDS THINK.
NOBODY'S EVER BEGGED ME NOT TO THROW THEM AWAY BEFORE.
UH...
SHUN (DROOP)
STILL, THAT SHOOK ME UP.
SURE. WHAT?
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
UM... SHIN-SAN?

PLEASE ...
...EMBRACE ME.....

I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYMORE!
GOHO
GOHO (COFF)
GEHO (KOFF)
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
GEHO

I'M MORE OF A CHILD THAN YOU ARE.
I CAN'T ACT LIKE A PROPER WIFE. I'M USELESS.

I WANT TO DO ALL I CAN FOR YOU, SHIN-SAN, BUT...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT WIVES AND MARRIED COUPLES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE...
...AND I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
PON (PAT)
SO...
PON
PON

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...
...I'VE SEEN THINGS...
...LIKE MONSTERS AND FAIRIES, THINGS OTHER PEOPLE COULDN'T SEE.
BECAUSE I COULD SEE THEM. THEY WERE DRAWN TO ME.
STRANGE STUFF TENDED TO HAPPEN AROUND ME, AND SO...
...THE WHOLE TIME I WAS YOUNG, I LIVED IN AN OUTBUILDING.

I LOOKED AT THE LIGHTS OF THE MAIN HOUSE...
...AND I ALWAYS RESENTED THEM.
BUT NOW...
GU (SHUF)
...YOU'RE HERE.
YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO MARRY SOMEBODY LIKE ME.
YOU SIT BESIDE ME LIKE THIS...
...AND DRINK TEA WITH ME.

THAT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME PRETTY HAPPY, IN AND OF ITSELF.
IS THAT NOT OKAY?
WELL, IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, THEN...

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BO (BOOMF)
...WANT TO DO THAT "MARRIED COUPLE" THING YOU MENTIONED?
=Y NI (GRIND
P-PLEASE FORGET ABOUT THAT!
BA (FWIP)
ぱっ
AH HA HA HA HA!
...
I REALLY CAN'T TELL WHETHER YOU'RE BOLD OR NOT.
I'LL GO GET US SOME CHAZUKE
SUKU (SHUF)
EVEN I...
...AM USEFUL TO SHIN-SAN, AFTER ALL.

—I'M GLAD.
KAAA (BLUSH)
GON (WHUNK)
THAT DAY...
...I HAD A DREAM.

I DREAMED I WAS WALKING ALONG...
... HOLDING HANDS WITH A BOY WHO WORE A MASK.
THE WAY WAS LONG AND ROUGH, BUT...
...I FELT AS THOUGH, IF WE WERE TOGETHER, WE'D BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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